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Attempted see Faisal on receipt reference telegram but unable do so since he just leaving Suez to take Saudi royal yacht to Jidda. However, was able see head his political officer, Ahmad Jabbar, who had accompanied him on trip and was present at both Dulles conversation (with which he said Faisal had been very pleased) and interview with AL-AHRAM correspondent (with which Faisal displeased).

Regarding quotation in reference telegram, Jabbar said what Faisal actually said was that, according to information reaching him in hospital from different sources, it had appeared that armed intervention (he did not specify US) was in prospect. As consequence he had not felt could remain in hospital when he might be of service and had accordingly wanted discuss with his American friends, especially Secretary Dulles, who had aid (Jabbar seemed a little less clear on this point) that USG would take definite stand but would not do anything except what was in interest of US and countries of area. Armed intervention had not been mentioned in this connection.

According Jabbar, AL-AHRAM article was one of several unfortunate experiences of Faisal with Egyptian press, another having been misinterpretation of his comment on resolutions of Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference (EMBTel 1815). As result Faisal had refused pre-departure press interview and radio broadcast.

Jabbar added that, although Faisal was misquoted in AL-AHRAM re intention of US to intervene in Syria, interviewer was essentially correct in reporting that Faisal had advised calmness and warned that threats would not intimidate Arabs.

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At same time, Faisal had also said greatly disturbed personal attacks of Arab press on official such as Henderson and Dulles. Attacking policies was one thing, attacking persons quite another. Jabbar felt this point inadequately covered by AL-AHRAM but examination of text indicated brought out quite well. Full text of AL-AHRAM article being airpouched. To be noted that in interviewer frankly admitted Faisal had specified speaking off record but reporter said he had chosen ignore.

Sum and substance of foregoing would seem to be that Faisal did talk rather frankly to AL-AHRAM correspondent but that, as far as quote in reference telegram concerned, latter failed distinguish between Faisal's impressions before and after seeing Secretary and also violated off record injunction. [REDACTED]

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